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SUBJ: JSP DIETMEN INTERPELLATIONS OF FONOFF ON TTPI

REF: A. TOKYO 14822 B. TOKYO 15886 (AND PREVIOUS)

SUMMARY: JSP DIETMAN HIDEO DEN IN DIET INTERPELLATIONS
EXPRESSED BELIEF THAT FUNDS ALLOCATED FOR TTPI CLAIMS
AGREEMENT WERE WOEFULLY INADEQUATE AND SHOWED CONCERN
THAT GOJ WHILE CONDUCTING REMAINS RETRIEVAL MISSIONS WAS
PAYING INADEQUATE ATTENTION TO RECOVERING OF REMAINS OF
MICRONESIAN DEAD. END SUMMARY.

1. FONOFF (NUMATE, FIRST NA AFFAIRS DIV) INFORMED EMBASSY
THAT HIDEO DEN, JSP DIETMAN (REF A), CALLED NA AFFAIRS
BUREAU DIRGEN OKAWARA TO DIET FOR INTERPELLATIONS ON
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MICRONESIA. (NUMATA INFORMED US LAST WEEK THIS WAS

IMMINENT). DEN TOLD OKAWARA WITHOUT HOSTILITY THAT HE WISHED TO "EDUCATE FONMIN OHIRA ON PROBLEM OF MICRONESIA WHICH WAS SYMBOLIC OF GOJ'S ERRONEOUS DIPLO-MATIC POSTURE" (PRESUMABLY SLAVISHLY FOLLOWING THE US). DEN SAID THAT DURING HIS RECENT TRIP TO PALAU AND FROM OTHER SOURCES IN PALAU, HE LEARNED THAT CLAIMS SUBMITTED UNDER THE MICRONESIAN CLAIMS SET-UP WOULD FAR EXCEED THE TEN MILLION DOLLARS ALLOCATED. CLAIMS IN PALAU ALONE AMOUNTED TO FIFTY MILLION DOLLARS. DEN SAID MICRONESIANS INTENDED TO SEEK GREATLY AUGMENTED FUNDS FROM USG AND GOJ. (NUMATA SAID FONOFF OFFICIAL IKEDA DURING HIS RECENT REIP TO PALAU ALSO HEARD MICRONESIANS CALL FOR ADDITIONAL US CONTRIBUTION FOR CLAIMS.)

2. DEN'S SECOND POINT ADDRESSED REMAINS RETRIEVAL MISSIONS. DEN SAID GOJ (MIN OF HEALTH AND WELFARE) WAS ACTIVE IN RETRIEVING JAPANESE REMAINS BUT SOME CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE MADE FOR ASSISTING MICRONESIANS IN RECOVERING REMAINS OF THEIR DEAD.

3. DEN DID NOT MENTION DANNY LOPEZ CLAIMS OR TRUK CHIEF AIZAWA'S LETTER TO NIXON AND TANAKA.

4. COMMENT: NUMATA WAS SURPRISED AT MILDNESS OF DEN'S INTERPELLATIONS. FONOFF EXPECTS DEN'S ADVOCACY OF GREATLY AUGMENTED FUNDS FOR CLAIMS TO BE RECURRING IRRITATION TO GOJ AND SHOULD CLAIMS ACTUALLY BE AS GREAT AS DEN PREDICTED PRESSURE FOR ADJUSTMENT OF CLAIMS AGREEMENT OR ADDITIONAL ALLOCATION THROUGH OTHER MEANS WILL UNDOUBTEDLY INCREASE. DEN'S AND IKEDA'S COMMENT THAT MICRONESIANS WANT ADDITIONAL US AS WELL AS JAPANESE FUNDS TO MEET CLAIMS IS A NEW ELEMENT HERE OF RECENT TALK REGARDING CLAIMS. MICRONESIANS MAY ASSUME THAT US PORTION IS TO BE SUBSUMED IN US ASSISTANCE FUNDS WHICH THEY HOPE TO EMERGE FROM STATUS NEGOTIATIONS. NUMATA SAID THAT THIS CONNECTION HAS NOT BEEN SPELLED OUT THUS FAR BY MICRONESIANS OF JAPANESE CRITICS. SHOESMITH

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